

116 - NARCOTIC FORFEITURE & SEIZURE

Operational Summary

Agency Description:

The mission of the unit is to ensure compliance to the mandates in Health and Safety Codes 11469-11470 involving the obtaining of assets forfeited or seized as part of narcotics investigations.

Strategic Goals:

- Obtain all assets to which the Office is entitled based upon Health and Safety Code sections 11469 and 11470.

Key Outcome Measures:

Performance Measure	2001 Business Plan Results	2002 Business Plan Target	How are we doing?
PERCENTAGE OF POSSIBLE CASES FOR WHICH ASSETS WERE OBTAINED What: Measures level of effectiveness of the program. Why: Indicates the effectiveness of the program.	On target to meet established goal.	Meet or exceed prior year's performance.	Our experienced team acquires all assets to which we are legally entitled.

Fiscal Year FY 2001-2002 Key Project Accomplishments:

- The Unit has been proactive in addressing narcotic-related crimes in Orange County and continues to vigorously pursue the seizure of assets related to these crimes, as mandated in the Health & Safety Codes 11469-11470.

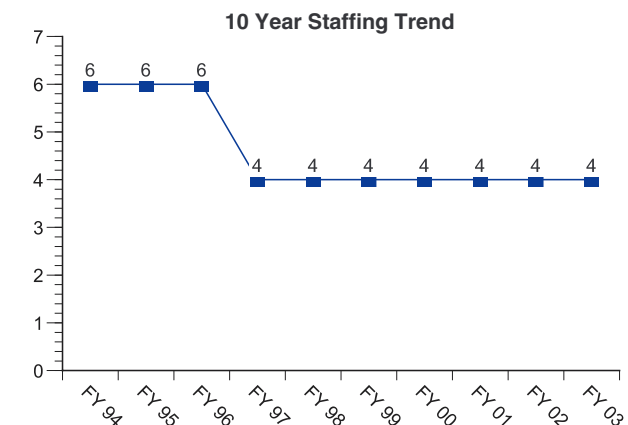
NARCOTIC PROGRAM - This Unit is part of the Narcotics Enforcement Team which has recently been reorganized as part of a unit that also handles Career Criminal prosecutions and Welfare Fraud criminal prosecutions. The Narcotic Asset Forfeiture and Seizure group consists of a Deputy District Attorney, an Investigator, a paralegal and an Attorney Clerk II.

The receipt and expenditure of this fund are dictated by the Health and Safety Code. In FY 2001/2002 approximately \$550,000 was transferred to Agency 026 to cover eligible expenses (i.e., gang activity, narcotic enforcement, etc.). Moreover, in FY 2002/03 approximately \$500,000 is anticipated to be transferred to Agency 026.

At a Glance:

Total FY 2001-2002 Projected Expend + Encumb:	280,100
Total Recommended FY 2002-2003 Budget:	2,092,524
Percent of County General Fund:	N/A
Total Employees:	4.00

Ten Year Staffing Trend:



Ten Year Staffing Trend Highlights:

- As the number of cases involving narcotic asset forfeiture and seizure declined, staffing was reduced in fiscal year 1996-97 from 6 to 4 employees. This staff size of 4 has been maintained since that change.

Changes Included in the Recommended Base Budget:

As part of the overall county effort to streamline operations and reduce costs, the Unit's proposed FY 2002-03 budget reflects a reduction in overtime pay and special departmental expense.

Budget Summary

Plan for Support of the County's Strategic Priorities:

The Narcotic Asset Forfeiture and Seizure Program assists the Office in supporting the County's Strategic Priorities by bringing in critically needed revenues.

Proposed Budget and History:

Sources and Uses	FY 2000-2001 Actual	FY 2001-2002 Final Budget	FY 2001-2002 Projected ⁽¹⁾	FY 2002-2003 Recommended	Change from FY 2001-2002 Projected	
					Amount	Percent
Total Positions	-	4	-	4	0	0.00
Total Revenues	445,342	370,000	255,493	240,000	(15,493)	-0.57
Total Requirements	336,477	2,279,775	280,100	2,092,524	1,812,424	647.06
FBA	1,768,265	1,909,775	1,877,130	1,852,524	(24,606)	-1.31

(1) Requirements include prior year encumbrances and expenditures. Therefore, the above totals may not match FY 2001-2002 projected requirements included in "At a Glance" (Which exclude these).

Detailed budget by expense category and by activity is presented for agency: Narcotic Forfeiture & Seizure in the Appendix on page 437.

Highlights of Key Trends:

- The amount of assets that can be acquired has been dropping mainly due to the fact that drug dealers have become sophisticated in safeguarding their assets by decentralizing their "vaults." Narcotic moneys and assets are stashed in different locations to avoid huge

losses on their part in the event of a criminal investigation or police raid. On the national level, the Feds have been giving local agencies a larger allocation of the seized assets with the participating County agency getting a smaller portion.